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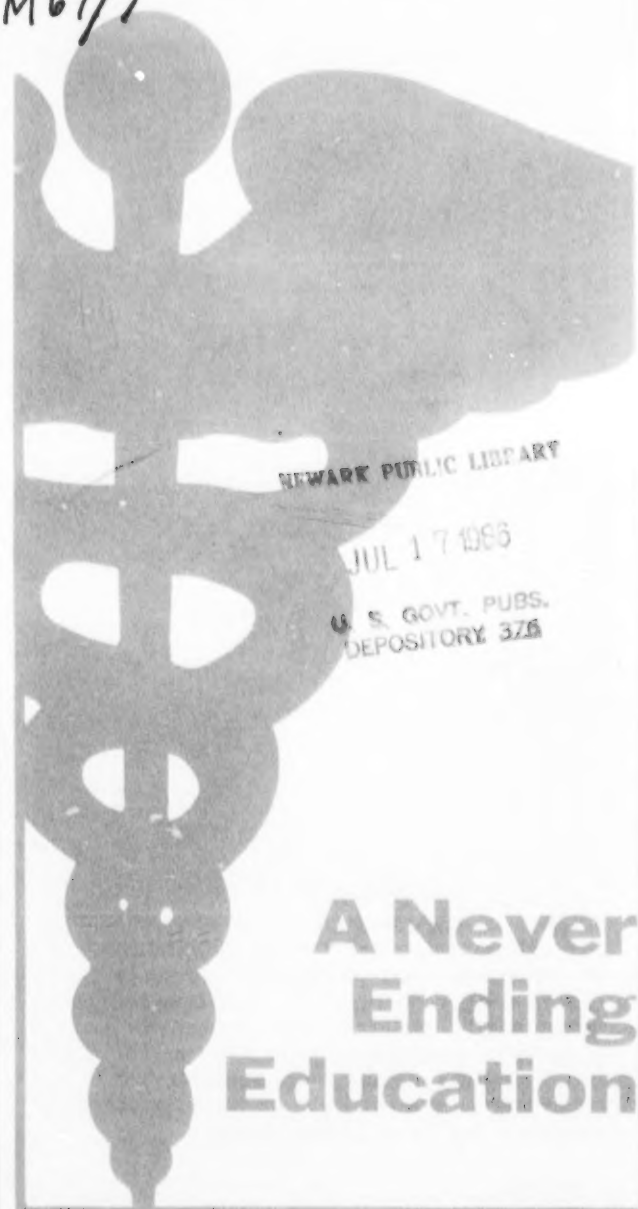

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When the first medicine man passed-on his secrets to his chosen successor, the basic method of training physicians was established: by precept and example, by working under the guidance of a recognized specialist, a student learns to apply the knowledge gained from textbooks and lectures. Today that is nowhere more evident than in the internship and residency programs at Walter Reed and the other Army Medical Centers.

By training our own interns, residents and fellows we build an interlocking medical care system: people who are used to working together, depending on each others' knowledge and experience, sharing an understanding of the inner workings of a total system.

Military-trained physicians know the soldier's environment because they are in the army, too. If they follow the pattern of the majority of military medical practitioners today, they begin their graduate medical education, as interns or residents, at the same time they begin their military training.

Military physicians don't need an explanation of readiness---they're part of it! Military physicians understand the nature of family problems related to overseas assignments and separation. Military physicians who gain their military experience and medical education simultaneously understand what it means to be a soldier---and soldiers understand that!

Each year the Army trains approximately 340 interns, has 1,000 residents in 22 specialties and enters 80 fellowship candidates into 39 subspecialty programs. In all, almost one-third of all army physicians are in some type of graduate medical education program at any time---and they are practicing what they learn while they are working for the soldier and his family.

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